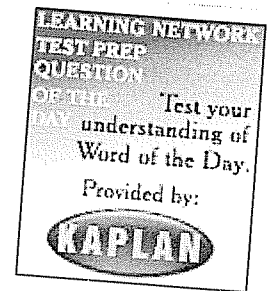


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EXAMPLE FROM THE NEW YORK TIMES

The word **maudlin** has appeared in **58 Times** articles over the past year, most recently in "Emotional Buildup" on October 5, 2008.

...In the predawn hours of July 9, some 70 people -- cameramen, sound technicians, makeup artists, gaffers -- huddled in a Marriott parking lot in Cincinnati. If you didn't know that this was the crew of ABC's popular reality TV show "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition," you might have mistaken the gathering for a prayer vigil...

...The culmination of every episode of the show seems plucked from the final scene in "It's a Wonderful Life," when the entire town of Bedford Falls rallies around George Bailey, the hard-hit but deserving Everyman. They give him the money he needs to avoid devastation -- and show him the love they have always felt. This, more or less, was the plan for Ginger Akers.

This aspect of the show may seem **maudlin**, but it is embraced with seeming sincerity, not just by its viewers but by its producers as well. Ricketts believes in the show with an almost evangelical fervor. He often gets misty-eyed as he likens the process of building an "Extreme Makeover" house to an Amish-style barn-raising and then solemnly describes how members of the show's crew often "reconnect with their faith."...

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TEST PREP Question OF THE DAY

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Today's Test Prep Question of the Day is a sentence completion.

DIRECTIONS: Select the lettered word or set of words that best completes the sentence.

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Sarah found the play to be overly -----, almost ----- in tone.

- (A) congenial . . trite
- (B) fortuitous . . calamitous
- (C) complimentary . . derogatory
- (D) sentimental . . maudlin
- (E) tactful . . defamatory

Explanation:

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Use the chart below to answer question 22.

Hours of Sleep and Grade Point Average (G.P.A.)

Student	Hours of Sleep per Night	G.P.A.
Alberto	7.2	3.5
Bao	4.3	2.1
Chris	5.5	2.6
Kim	5.1	2.5
Mona	6.2	3.0
Sandy	7.2	3.6
Yang	7.0	3.4

22. Which of the following statements is supported by the data?
- A. More sleep causes a person to have a higher G.P.A.
 - B. A higher G.P.A. allows a person to get more sleep.
 - C. In the sample study, sleep and G.P.A. are positively correlated.
 - D. Schoolwide, sleep and G.P.A. are positively correlated.

29. A store has 25 VCRs in stock, but 2 of these are defective. What is the probability that the second person to buy a VCR gets a defective one, given that the first customer's was **not** defective? Round your answer to the nearest thousandth.

- A. 0.003
- B. 0.042
- C. 0.080
- D. 0.083